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THE RETURN OF HOPE.

A Rubber Revival.

There is a distinct revival of hope in the rubber market, which has its base in the apparent cessation of forced selling. After such a severe shake-out as this section has experienced, it is but reasonable to expect a rally of some kind, and it would surprise nobody to find higher prices ruling. Such a rally, however, may have nothing in it of a really satisfactory character. The fact that forced selling has stopped is not very much to go by, as it is not usual for forced selling to take place at the beginning of an account.

The point that everybody would like to know something about is whether rubber shares—we are speaking only of the sound ones—are still too high, or whether they should now recover on their merits. It is difficult to offer advice on the subject, since the market is still largely governed by speculation, and the difficulties that might arise therefrom could throw over any reasonable anticipation. In gauging the prospective value of shares it is necessary to compare their yields with their hopes of improvement.

In the majority of cases those rubber shares that are paying big dividends are yielding no more than should be expected of them; in other words, the shares are mathematically high enough. In the cases of the shares in sound companies which have as yet not entered, or are but on the fringe of dividend-paying, it must be remembered that they may have to reckon up their profits with rubber fetching less in the market than it does now, so that their yields may never prove sufficient to justify the prices so freely advertised. On apparent merits, taking these factors into consideration, the outlook therefore suggests that any return of much higher prices would as yet be unjustified.

Apart from merits, there is, unfortunately, the "sitting bull" to be considered. He is the chief danger to this market from the speculative standpoint, for none can say when his seat will grow too hot to enable him to sit any longer. It is obvious that the more prices fall, the greater likelihood there is of the stale bulls being forced to close; but as the weakest of them have been cleared away, we are not inclined to apprehend much more immediate trouble from this cause.

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SCOTTISH JOTTINGS

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
Continued from June 20.

THE CORONATION BOON. It is
permissible to trace the personal influence
of the Sovereign in many of the appoint-
ments. That may specially be done in the
most interesting and surprising of them all,
the Earl of Mid-Lothian of the United
Kingdom conferred upon Lord Rosebery.
H. M. has also added a signal mark of
favour by causing the new title to be
announced at once. Some people have
been puzzled by the fact that an Earl is
already held; but the old Earl is a
Scottish one, and his Lordship has hitherto
sat in Parliament only as a Baron of the
United Kingdom—Baron Rosebery.

The intimation has been received with
singular unanimity of satisfaction in the
North, and some very nice compliments
have been paid to the noble Earl by
members of all political parties. The
nearest thing said, however, was by a
London paper, the Daily Telegraph—"It
is no matter for surprise that Lord
Rosebery should be made a Knight of the
Order of St. Patrick any more than that
the Duke of Argyll and the Duke of Fife
should become Knights of the Order of the
Garter. But it is at once interesting and
almost romantic that the Earl of Rosebery
should assume the style and title of the
Earl of Mid-Lothian, a title which revives
memories of Scottish history, and of one of
Sir Walter Scott's best known novels,
though it does not supersede that by which
he is familiarly known among us."

The Earl of Mar and Kellie and Lord
Reay, the new Knights of the Thistle, will,
it is expected, be installed at the inaugu-
ration of the new Chapel of the Knights of
the Thistle, adjoining the Cathedral of St.
Giles, on the 21st of the King to Edinburgh
next month. This is probably the first
occasion in the history of the Order on
which the King will personally perform the
ceremony, which has been in abeyance since
the Order was instituted or revived by King
James VII. of Scotland and II. of England.
The Earl of Mar and Kellie is Premier
Viscount and Premier Baron of Scotland.
Lord Reay is also Baron Mackay of
Ophertown, Holland, and Chief of the Clan
Mackay.

The Viscount for Baron Elphinstone of
Ellbank was generally expected. His eldest
son, the Master of Ellbank, is Chief Whip
of the Government, and represents Mid-
Lothian. Another son, the Hon. Arthur
Cecil Murray, was elected for Kincardine-
shire in 1908.

The Baroness includes Sir James Lytle
Mackay, a native of Arbroath, who was
created G.C.M.G. in 1902 and K.C.S.I.
last year; and Mr. Archibald Cameron
Corbett, member for Tradesmen Division
of Glasgow, who has in turn been Liberal,
Unionist, and Home Ruler. He has made
many gifts to Glasgow, among them the
estates of Rouken Glen and Arngill.

In Scotland it is observed with special
satisfaction that Mr. Bonar Law and Mr.
Thomas McKinnon Wood, both of Scottish
descent, have received the rank of Privy
Councillors, and Mr. George Younger the
distinction of a Baronetcy. They have
added to the usefulness and ability of
Parliamentary debate; have proved them-
selves worthy in various directions; and
will have the assurance that the honour
done to them is approved of by their
fellow citizens.

There are also nominations outside poli-
tics which are of special interest North of
the Tweed. For example, the Privy
Councillorship conferred on Lord Kinnear,
one of the most distinguished of the
Senators of our College of Justice; and
the Order of Merit for Sir George Otto
Trevelyan, many years member for the
Border Burghs. The others include Knight-
hoods to Mr. James Dods, the Under
Secretary to the Scottish Office; Dr. W. S.
McCormick, recognised as one of the highest
authorities on University administration,
who has just undertaken the direction of
an important Departmental Committee for
the regulation of English University
finance; Colonel McHardy, who has done
great work in connection with Scottish
prisons; Professor Wright, who has joined
the Scottish Education Department as its
agricultural adviser; Mr. G. M. Paul, the
Deputy Keeper of the Signet; and Mr.
Walter Raleigh, at one time Professor of
English Literature in Glasgow University.

Dougal Christie, F.R.C.P. Edin., has
received the C.M.G. for services in con-
nection with the recent plague epidemic in
Manchuria. He studied medicine at Edin-
burgh, says the Glasgow Herald, and
prior to entering upon medical studies was
engaged for some years in business in
Glasgow. In 1882 he was appointed by the
Mission Committee of the United
Presbyterian Church to the mission at
Mukden, Manchuria. The thirty years
he has spent there have seen stir-
ring events, and Dr. Christie has
taken a prominent part in them. He was
decorated by the Emperor of China for
his medical services to the Chinese troops
during the war with Japan, thus receiving
the first official recognition by China of
European surgery. The Borek epidemic was
a time of great peril and loss to the
mission, and only Dr. Christie's personality
and the esteem in which he was held by
the official classes in Manchuria saved him
from death and the mission from complete
disaster. The plague epidemic has made
exacting demands upon him.

RUSSIA AND THE NORTH-EAST PASSAGE.
In an editorial note on the efforts of the
Russian Government to develop the
national mercantile service, the Scot-
tish states that "hitherto have just been
started the Duma for the encouragement
of the shipping industry. Several expedi-
tions are also being organised for the
purpose of surveying the north-east

passage between Europe and Asia, with
the view of establishing an all-
Russian route for the mail. During
the summer months a Russian fleet
will be sent to the Arctic Ocean, and
the first expedition will be made to
the north of Siberia, as well as to
the north of America, with a view to
the establishment of a railway con-
necting with the Grand Siberian Line
has also been projected from Tobolsk at the
head of the Gulf of Ob. The line
should provide an invaluable outlet
for the products of this vast region;
but the sea passage is, naturally,
considered of greater importance. Between
Norway and the Taimyr Peninsula the
waterway is already well known, and so is
the strait leading to the Sea of Behring
from the Siberian River, is free from ice
for a long period every year. What is now
to be thoroughly investigated is that part
of the ocean between the Taimyr Peninsula
and the Lena delta. The possibilities of
Northern Siberia are immense, and it is
now hoped to instil new life into this great
territory.

TORENTINO TREASURY SEARCH.
For about a week, explosives were
applied to the Armaida hull in Torin-
to, but without commensurate results.
The only finds deserving mention were
three silver dollars or "pieces of eight," a
Spanish copper coin, a stone, and
two substantial pieces of African oak.
The operations were accordingly discon-
tinued, and the salvage vessel demanded.

RIFLE SHOOTING.
Two ex-King's-Prizemen, Lance Corporal
George Gray, 5th Royal Scots, and Sergeant
Harcourt Ommundson, Royal-Scots, ran
neck and neck for the Scottish Rifle
Championship at Darnley. They shot a
five for the Silver Medal in the first stage,
Ommundson winning by a point, and in the
second stage Gray took the premier
honour by the narrowest possible margin.
In the school match, Edinburgh Academy
carried off the Brock Shield with the team
which recently won the Schools' Trophy at
Malvern.

SALE AND STEAM.
Writing on the decay of "wind-jammers,"
a "Public Opinion" official says: "I
can well remember, twenty-five years ago,
saw sailing ships coming into Dundee
fate laden; now you don't see one." He
adds: "The crews are also changed; the
vessels used to be worked round Africa by
European crews, and other
Oriental hands are far too common." On the
other hand, he thinks that the officers, as a
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AN ASSEMBLY STORY.
When the Members came to Edinburgh
for the General Assemblies, they always
leave behind them some good stories.
The latest is a Highland-tongued
Minister, who had enjoyed himself at a
dinner party at Darnley, and other
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class, are much superior to what they
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MISCELLANEA.
The Committee in charge of the memorial
to the late Marquis of Linlithgow have,
with the consent of the local authorities,
decided that it shall be erected upon a site
in the Cross Square, Linlithgow, to the
east of the new railway station.
An endeavour is being made to
"corner" the Highland malt whistles of
1896-7-8-9, the promoters hoping to raise
the price by about 1s. 6d. per gallon.
The seventh book of Logan's Collec-
tion of Highland and Border Ballads, which
has been published, has some notable con-
tributions by Pipe-Major Khan, of the
63rd Burma Infantry.
Nearly one hundred people in the
Leith district of Edinburgh are suffer-
ing from poison, and one boy, belonging to
the Glasgow and Western Railway, has
died. It is believed the poison is contained
in some article of food, possibly milk.

OBITUARY.
In California, Mr. James McKane, one of
a group of five men who amassed mil-
lions of dollars in America; has died. Born
at Marylebone, the son of a policeman, he
served his apprenticeship in the Dunfer-
mline branch of the Royal Bank of Scotland,
and then went to Canada and the United
States, where he specialised largely and
successfully in mining and gold-mining
and Canadian lumber. He often visited Dun-
fermline, and subscribed liberally to
Scottish funds—for University Extension,
the restoration of Culross Abbey, and the
preservation of the Auld Brig o' Ayr, and
other public objects. He was a great
public speaker to Dunfermline. On one of
the first visits to the town he per-
suaded his friends to invest in a
company to prospect for silver in Roseland;
the venture was a failure, and after his
other schemes came right he repaid all the
money lost, with five per cent. interest.
George Smith Brant, late Colonel of the
Banfilde battalion of the Gordon High-
landers, and a great breeder of Aberdeen-
Angus cattle, has also died. He was
the proprietor of the famous Glenlivet
Distillery, which was known as "Glen-
livet" and made 4,000 bottles and consumed 500
casks of peats per week. The peats
being brought from Faenussach Moor, ten
miles distant. The buildings stand 1,200
feet above sea level, and the water for the
whisky is taken from the mountain streams.
Mrs. Mary Gray Gordon, widow of William
Gordon, farmer, Brno Park, youngest
daughter of James Hogg, the "Ettrick
Shepherd."

"Sophia, Dowager Lady Dalrymple, widow
of Sir John Warrender Dalrymple of North
Berwick, Bar., died at her residence, 12
Belgrave Square, London, on the 10th inst.
At Lady Dalrymple's death, the estate of
the late Captain Duncan Stewart, 64,
In his early days he traded in the East,
and commanded a sailing ship on the
Chinese coast. He was afterwards master
of a Dutch mail steamer, running between
Rotterdam and Java, until foreign ships
masters were by law excluded from such a
post."

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FRIDAY Next, 14th of July, being the
FRENCH NATIONAL FETE, the
Consul for France will be pleased to
receive at his Office, PARCER'S BUILDING,
between 11 and 12 the members of the
French Community, and between 12 and
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NEXT, the 20th JULY, continuing on each
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The steamer will cruise about the waters
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21,546,328

Gross earnings from interest

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Hongkong, May 30, 1911. 727

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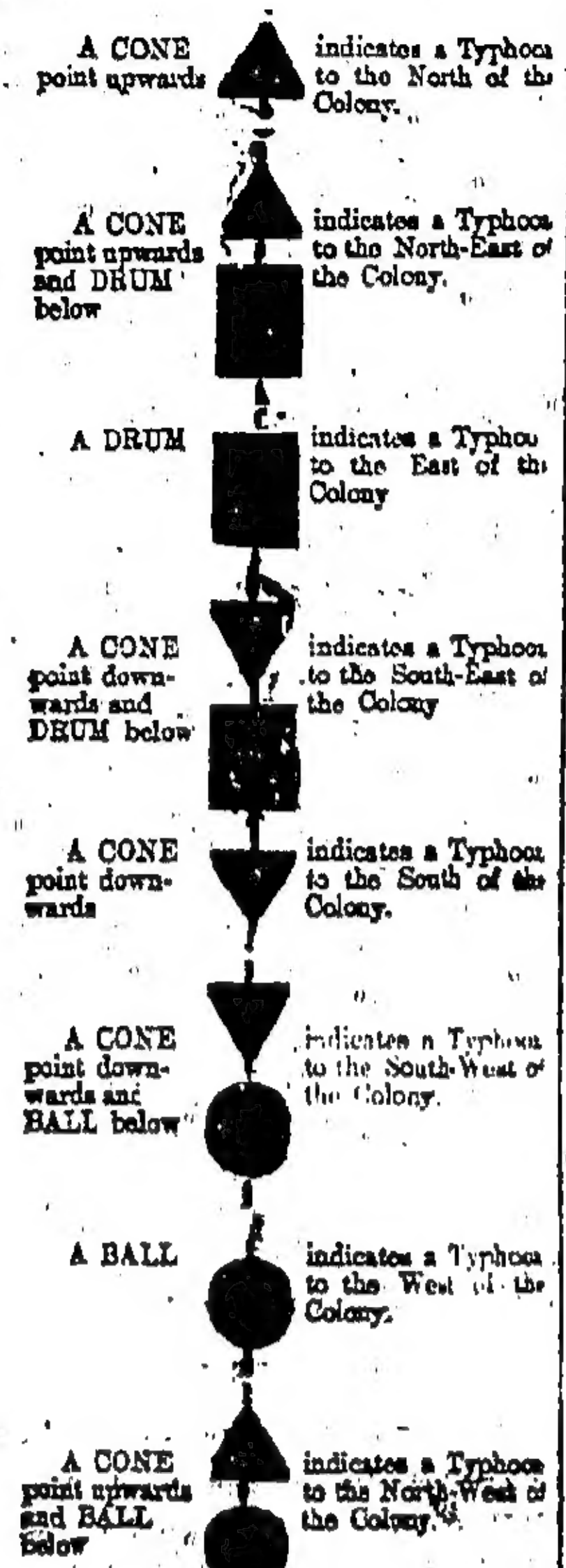
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HONGKONG.

TYPHOON SIGNALS.

STORM-WARNINGS ISSUED FROM THE HONGKONG OBSERVATORY.

The following Typhoon signals are hoisted on the mast in front of the Water Police Station, Kowloon, the Harbour Office, the Kowloon Godowns, H. M. S. Amoy, and Green Island signal mast.



Red signals indicate that the centre is believed to be more than 300 miles away from the Colony.

Black signals indicate that the centre is believed to be less than 300 miles away from the Colony.

The above signals will, as heretofore, be hoisted only when typhoons exist in such positions or are moving in such directions that information regarding them is considered to be of importance to the Colony or to shipping leaving the harbour.

URGENT SIGNALS.

In addition to the above, when it is expected that the wind may increase to full typhoon force at any moment, the following Urgent Signals will be made at the Water Police Station, and repeated at the Harbour Office:—

EXPLOSIVE BOMBS AT INTERVALS OF TEN MINUTES.

A Black Cross will be hoisted at the same time, superior to the other shapes.

NIGHT SIGNALS.

The following Night Signals will be hoisted from the Flagstaff on the roof of the Water Police Station at Kowloon, the Harbour Office Flagstaff, and H. M. S. Amoy.

I. Three Lights Vertical, Green, Green, Green, indicates that a typhoon is believed to be situated more than 300 miles from the Colony.

II. Three Lights Vertical, Green, Red, Green, indicates that a typhoon is believed to be situated less than 300 miles from the Colony.

III. Three Lights Vertical, Red, Green, Red, indicates that the wind may be expected to increase to full typhoon force at any moment.

No. III Signal will be accompanied by the Explosive Bombs, as above, in the event of the information conveyed by this signal being first published by night.

The Night Signals will be substituted for the Day Signals at sunset, and will, when necessary, be altered during the night.

SUPPLEMENTARY WARNINGS.

For the benefit of Native Craft and passing Ocean Vessels, a Code will be exhibited at each of the following Station during the time that any of the above Day Signals are hoisted in the Harbour.

Cap Rock	Abenden
Waglan	San Ki Wan
Stanley	Sai Kung
Cape Collinson	San Nin Eol
	Tai P.

This will indicate that there is a depression somewhere in the China Sea, and that a Storm Warning is hoisted in the Harbour.

Further details can always be given Ocean Vessels, on demand, by signal, from the light houses.

F. G. Fiso,
Director.

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GODOWNS, 95 & 96, PRATA EAST.
Apply
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Hongkong, December 6, 1910. 1474

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GODOWN No. 54, DUDDELL STREET.
Apply to
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Hongkong, July 1, 1911. 709

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No. 2, D'AGUIAR STREET suitable for godown, etc., occupied by Vienna Cafe Co. last.
Apply to
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FLATS in NATHAN ROAD, Kowloon. FOUR-ROOMED HOUSES newly painted and colour-washed throughout. Cheap Rent.
New and Commodious SHOPS, NATHAN ROAD, Kowloon, immediate possession. Cheap Rental.
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Hongkong, March 23, 1909. 408

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GODOWN No. 4, NEW PRATA, Kennedy Town.
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THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, July 1, 1911. 1082

TO LET.

HOUSE No. 94, WONG-NEI-CHONG ROAD.
Apply to
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64, Bonham Strand West.
Hongkong, May 15, 1911. 850

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GODOWNS in MASON'S LANE good for storage of Wines and other articles, Rent moderate.
The Building now in occupation of The Mercantile Bank of India to be let from 1st January, 1912.
Apply to
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KENNEL, 76A, THE PEAK; Seven Rooms; Large Verandah; American heating apparatus installed, making this house dry and comfortable throughout the year; Vegetable and Flower Gardens; Croquet Lawn, 15 minutes walk from tram, 10 minutes by rickshaw. One of the best situations at the Peak, cool in summer, warm in winter.
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Hongkong, July 1, 1911. 108

TO LET.

GODOWNS, 151 to 155, PRATA EAST.
RENTAL EUROPEAN PLATS: Modern Rents, PRATA EAST—Corner of Observatory Place. The Tramstop at the door. Also new EUROPEAN PLATS adjoining the new Seaman's Institute, Prata East.
OFFICES in KING'S BUILDINGS, 4th Floor.
9 & 10, MACDONNELL ROAD.
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GODOWNS to let at Blue Buildings 44, PRATA EAST.
43, CONDUIT ROAD.
FLAT in Blue Buildings, 4, Prata East.
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Hongkong, July 1, 1911. 2

TO LET.

No. 57, PRATA GRANDE, MACAO.
BEACONSFIELD from 1st June, 1911. The EYRIE, No. 13, PEAK, newly painted and colourwashed.
OFFICES on Ground and 1st Floor, CHATEAU ROAD (very central position). No. 9, BEACONSFIELD ARCADE (Shop).
WOODLANDS VILLA WEST, 25, Seymour Road.
FURNISHED HOUSE on BAKER ROAD, Peak, to let for 3 months from 22nd July, 1911.

FOR SALE, TOR CREST, at Peak, commanding magnificent view of the Harbour and adjacent islands.
Apply to
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Hongkong, May 10, 1911. 16

THE CHINA MAIL COLOURED TYPHOON MAP

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From the China Mail Office,
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ALL SIZES TO BE HAD AT

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PARIS IN A HURRY.

The Electric Era.

To The Daily Mail its Paris Correspondent writes:

The old three-horse omnibus that for decades has trundled daily the length of the boulevards from the Madeleine to the Bastille and back is doomed. Before long it will be replaced by the long, lithe motor-omnibuses which are already to be seen swiftly gliding through the Paris streets. With the "Madeleine Bastille" omnibus of many memories another piece of old Paris disappears before the fresh wind of progress which the last decade has felt sweeping across the capital. It has blown down many a cobble, the Buses of the twentieth-century spirit, shaking the sentimentalists with its bodiless breath, but leaving behind it a city which the old Parisians, lingering in Paris Louahes would scarcely recognise could they revisit their earthly haunts.

Modern Paris hustles. I should like to know by how many miles an hour the speed of the boulevard crowd past a given point at luncheon time has increased during the past ten years. The boulevard pavements, broad though they are, have hardly room now for the "Rancur" of Paris of the eighties or even of the nineties. One sees the same set back on the faces of the crowds hurrying along at the midday hour as one sees in the lurching rush in Champs-Élysées or on the Rue de la Paix. The pace at which Paris lives has accelerated. Motor-cars and tube railways have had the inevitable effect of pushing the residential quarters of the city ever farther from the centre, people have farther to go to reach their work, they depend more and more on the public means of transit, and consequently their sense of the value of time has become marvellously quickened. Not that the traditional unpunctuality of Paris has vanished—far from it, and the Parisians still weekly submit to irregular suburban train services and unappealing delays to traffic in the streets. But the population is learning to rely increasingly on the public services and to arrange its life accordingly.

COMING OF THE TUBES.

The change has all come about in the past ten years. Formerly people used the lumbering horse omnibuses for getting about the city, never knowing when they clambered up at the Place Pigalle what perilous adventures lay between them and the Halle aux Vins. For the outskirts and the suburbs there was the Centraire Railway, with inconveniently situated stations. The Paris tube railway—the Metro, and the Nord Sud—have changed all that. One of those epoch-making centime pieces which ingenious cabmen are so fond of offering you as a substitute for the franc in your change will which you first class underground to all points of the compass. Without changing trains you may go underground at the Porte Maillot, on the edge of the verdant Bois, and be deposited well within the hour on the skirts of the pleasant wood of Vincennes at the other end of Paris. From the Buttes-Chaumont, that delightful park on the topmost summit of Montmartre, so little known to Englishmen, you may speed underground direct to the busy Place de l'Opéra. And the Metro and its sister the Nord-Sud, never stop growing. Every year new lines stretch out into the distant outskirts of Paris and the number of passengers carried swells by thousands a month. For those who prefer to travel above ground there are the electric tramways, which are gradually superseding the old, noisy, compressed air and steam tramways; while for short distances, now that the monopoly of the omnibus company has come to an end, there are new rapid, silent motor-omnibuses which are practically only rubber-tramways.

The old-fashioned Parisian who lived and died in his "quartier," in becoming extinct. Inter-communication is so easy now, that a trip from the north to the south of the city presents no terrors to the most inveterate old stay-at-home. Life has quickened its gait for everyone in the Paris of to-day, and all must take part in the race.

AN UP-TO-DATE PRESS.

The modernising process is nowhere so evident as in the Paris Press. What has become of the political journals, the old war-horse of the type whereof Henri

Recherché is one of the few survivors!—the writer who daily filled a column or so in his newspaper with brilliant comment and polemics on domestic affairs entirely impervious to the doings and progress of other nations save in as far as they affected France. The pamphlet is swamped in the advancing tide of progress. Ten years ago a newly established newspaper forged its way to the very front rank of the Paris Press, because it organised a service to follow foreign events from day to day—a complete foreign news service in effect. To-day that same journal has fallen to second rank, for there are a host of other newspapers in the field with special wires to the great European capitals, private arrangements for exchanging news with the principal foreign newspapers, and elaborate photographic services. I believe it was only ten years ago that the first special wire between a French newspaper and its London office was started, yet to-day the submarine Channel cables nightly transmit the whole of the news pages of "The Daily Mail" to the offices of the Continental edition for simultaneous publication with the London and Manchester editions. The smudge, badly printed broadsheet type of newspaper is rapidly disappearing, and even the most modest of those that survive make an occasional effort to publish photographs. The modern generation of Englishmen who can buy French morning newspapers on the London "bookstalls" at dinner-time accept quite as a matter of course the "journal d'information," as these papers having their own telegraphic service are called, but in point of fact these journals are a very recent and very remarkable symptom of twentieth-century Paris.

THE LONDON NEWSPAPER.

While the Churches in England are bemoaning the growing non-observance of the Lord's Day, the "English" Sunday is becoming more and more popular in France. The introduction of the "weekly repose" law a few years back has altered the Sunday appearance of Paris out of all recognition. On a Sunday morning the principal Paris streets are as dead as the shops are "closed." On the grand boulevards one meets persons "cleaned in mind as well as in person," such as Washington Irving describes as having met on his Sunday in London. And, as though the Sunday holiday were not enough, there are indications of a movement for securing Saturday afternoon as a half-holiday as well. In obtaining the free display for the majority of the working classes the syndicates, whose objects are by no means always so praiseworthy, have rendered a great service which will without any doubt tend to improve the general "moral" and physique of the race.

These are the changes on which it is good to ponder when one hears "Circé Paris," as Mr. Le Gallienne calls her, cited as a place of noise and untidiness, as the bare shell that once contained the pearl of the cities of the universe. The world is advancing and Paris must keep step. "Hé! le bon heur charm in the face! I think not. Will she yet? I wonder."

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Name.	Class.	Tons.	Guns.	H.P.	Commander.	Last report at
Alacrity	despatch-boat	1700	12	9000	Comdr. Lowndes	Weihaiwei
Astron	cruiser, 2nd class	4360	10	7000	Captain E. S. Kiddle	Weihaiwei
Atlas	Admiralty tug	—	—	—	Master W. West	Hongkong
Bramble	river gunboat	710	2	900	Lt.-Comdr. B. G. Washington	Hongkong
Britomart	river gunboat	710	2	900	Lieut.-Comdr. J. M. Barker	Shanghai
Cadmus	sloop	1078	6	1400	Comdr. H. Lyne	Shanghai
Chorub	water tank and tug	390	—	300	Master H. Smith	Hongkong
Clio	sloop	1073	6	1400	Comdr. H. R. Vane	Shanghai
Fame	torpedo boat destroyer	360	6	5700	Lieut.-Comdr. H. S. Monroe	Weihaiwei
Flores	cruiser, 2nd class	4360	10	7000	Capt. J. Nicholas	Weihaiwei
Hebly	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Lt.-Comdr. Hon. Guy Stopford	Hongkong
Hart	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Lt.-Comdr. Hon. Guy Stopford	Hongkong
Janus	torpedo boat destroyer	290	8	3900	Lt.-Comdr. M. B. R. Blackwood	Weihaiwei
Kent	cruiser, 1st class	9000	14	22,000	Capt. S. St. John Farquhar	en route San Francisco
Kinsale	river gunboat	613	4	1200	Lt.-Comdr. T. J. S. Lyne	Yangtze
Merlin	sloop	1040	—	—	Comdr. B. O. M. Davy	Lobuan
Minotaur	cruiser, 1st class	14,600	—	27,000	Capt. Cayley	Weihaiwei
Monmouth	cruiser, 1st class	9800	—	—	Capt. L. E. Power	Weihaiwei
Moorthon	river gunboat	180	2	800	Lt.-Comdr. G. P. Leith	Canton
Newcastle	cruiser, 2nd class	4300	—	—	Capt. G. E. P. Hunt, D.S.O.	Weihaiwei
Nightingale	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lieut.-Com. C. H. Woodward	Yangtze
Otter	torpedo boat destroyer	350	6	6300	Comdr. C. L. Lambie	Weihaiwei
Rosario	depot ship, submarine	920	—	1400	Lt.-Comdr. N. E. Archdale	Hongkong
Robin	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Com. C. A. O. Douglas	West River
Sandpiper	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Com. E. J. J. Southby	Canton
Shipe	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Comdr. Maurice B. Leslie	Yangtze
Taku	torpedo boat destroyer	350	6	6300	Gunner E. J. Trillo	Hongkong
Tamar	receiving ship	4050	6	—	Commodore C. J. Eyre	Hongkong
Teal	river gunboat	180	2	800	Lt.-Comdr. B. J. Buchanan	Yangtze
Thistle	river gunboat	710	2	900	Lt.-Comdr. M. B. Hamilton	Hongkong
Virago	torpedo boat destroyer	355	6	6300	Lieut.-Com. H. D. Adair-Hall	Weihaiwei
Waterwitch	surveying ship	620	—	430	Lt.-Comdr. Hancock	Hongkong
Whiting	torpedo boat destroyer	380	6	5900	Lieut.-Comdr. G. B. Hartford	Weihaiwei
Widgeon	river gunboat	195	2	800	Lieut.-Com. B. R. Brooks	Yangtze
Woodcock	river gunboat	150	2	500	Lieut.-Com. M. H. Wilding	Upper Yangtze
Woodlark	river gunboat	150	2	500	Lt.-Comdr. C. F. A. Mulock	Upper Yangtze
36	submarine	—	—	—	Lt. O. Godfrey Herbert	Hongkong
37	submarine	—	—	—	Lt.-Comdr. A. A. L. Fennier	Hongkong
38	submarine	—	—	—	Lt. Comdr. J. R. A. Codrington	Hongkong

Flagship of Vice-Admiral Alfred L. Winslow, R.C.B., C.V.O., C.M.G., Commander-in-Chief

Foreign Men-of-war on the China and Japan Station.

Name.	Flag and description.	Tons.	Guns.	H.P.	Captains.	Last report at
Kaiser Franz Joseph I	Austro-Hungarian cruiser	4000	—	—	Capt. Alfred Cicoli	Amoy
Achéron	French armoured cruiser	1830	10	1700	Lieut. Bertrand	Saigon
Alger	French cruiser	3420	22	5100	Capt. Delons	Saigon
Alouette	French gunboat	506	7	400	Commander Radin	Saigon
Argus	French river gunboat	180	6	370	Lieut. d'Estienne	Canton
Arconade	French gunboat	150	—	—	—	Saigon (Reserve)
Comète	French gunboat	500	6	500	Comdr. J. Gervais	Saigon
Decade	French gunboat	645	10	1000	Lieut. de Linares	Saigon
Dupetit-Thouars †	French armoured cruiser	10,014	30	20,000	—	Saigon
Eaton	French gunboat	141	—	—	—	Saigon (Reserve)
Esturgeon	French sub-marine	—	—	—	Lieut. Combet	Saigon
Franco	French destroyer	350	7	303	—	Saigon
Ham-Bavière	French gunboat	—	—	—	—	Haiphong
Jacquin	French gunboat	206	6	308	—	Haiphong (Reserve)
Lion	French gunboat	500	—	—	—	Saigon (Reserve)
Lynx	French sub-marine	—	—	—	Lieut. Marr	Saigon
Manche	French surveying-ship	1695	10	9000	Comdr. Ragot de Touché	Saigon
Montcalm*	French cruiser	9700	12	18,600	Capt. Chéron	Saigon
Monarque	French destroyer	307	6	300	Lieut. de la Roche Kerandron	Saigon
Oly	French gunboat	—	—	—	Lieut. de Maistreville	Upper Yangtze
Pitho	French gunboat	130	—	—	Lieut. Pouch	Tongku
Pistole	French torpedo boat	130	7	300	Comdr. Mortenel	Hongay
Protée	French sub-marine	—	—	—	Lieut. Morris	Saigon
Redoutable	French battleship (reserve)	8437	8	6071	Capt. Drouot	Saigon
Sey	French gunboat	1768	10	1700	Lieut. Seriot	Saigon
Takou	French gunboat	—	—	—	—	Yangtze
Tenkou	French destroyer	250	6	—	—	Saigon (Reserve)
Vauban	French torpedo-depot	—	—	—	—	Hongay
Vigilante	French torpedo-depot	—	—	—	Lieut. Bichel	Cap St. Jacques
Vigilante	French gunboat	123	7	500	Lieut. Bissail	Canton
Emden	German cruiser	3800	22	13,500	Capt. Vollerthun	Tsingtau
Geissenau	German cruiser	11,600	30	26,000	Captain Ular	Tsingtau
Ilse	German gunboat	800	12	1300	Comdr. Miersmann	Shanghai
Jaguar	German gunboat	900	12	1300	Capt. Myring	Shanghai
Lappag	German cruiser	3250	24	11,000	Capt. Schroeder	Tsingtau
Lüch	German gunboat	800	10	1350	Comdr. Boudemann	Shanghai
Nürnberg	German cruiser	3400	22	13,500	Capt. Tagier (Karl)	Tsingtau
Other	German river gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Lieut. Jantzen	Yangtze River
Scharnhorst	German flagship	11,600	30	26,000	Capt. Kraft	Tsingtau
S-90	German torpedo-boat	400	8	800	Capt. Lieut. Heyden	Tsingtau
Taku	German torpedo-boat	280	4	600	Lieut. Kohls (Hans)	Tsingtau
Tiger	German gunboat	800	10	1350	Comdr. Lappe	Shanghai
Tingtau	German river gunboat	223	4	1300	Capt. Lieut. Graf Dolms-Schloffen	Canton
Vaterland	German river gunboat	223	4	600	Capt. Lieut. Knottner	Shanghai
Calabria	Italian cruiser	2145	—	—	Comdr. Tommi Pionardi	Shanghai
Macao	Portuguese gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Matta d'Oliveira	Macao
Patris	Portuguese gunboat	700	—	—	Captain J. Milheiro	Macao
Albion	U. S. submarine	—	—	—	Ensign J. M. Murray	Manila
Bainbridge	U. S. protected cruiser	3430	17	7000	Com. Clarence S. Williams	Yokohama
Barry	U. S. torpedo-boat-destroyer	420	7	8000	Ensign E. S. Root	Manila
Callio	U. S. gunboat	243	8	350	Ensign Robt. W. Johnson	Manila
Chatham	U. S. torpedo-boat-destroyer	420	7	8000	Ensign Stuart W. Calk	Canton
Chattanooga	U. S. protected cruiser	3100	10	4700	Ensign L. N. McNeil	Manila
Chesapeake	U. S. protected cruiser	3100	10	4700	Comdr. John D. McDonald	Amoy
Cleaveland	U. S. protected cruiser	3100	10	4700	Comdr. Hingl Rodman	Cavite
Dale	U. S. torpedo-boat-destroyer	420	7	8000	Ensign F. J. Fletcher	Manila
Decatur	U. S. torpedo-boat-destroyer	420	9	—	Ensign C. B. Graves	Manila
El Cano	U. S. gunboat	—	—	—	Lt. Comdr. William D. Brotherton	Yangtze River
Hecla	U. S. gunboat	1397	18	1800	Comdr. B. O. Bitter	Yangtze River
Juino	U. S. gunboat	—	—	—	Lieut. J. W. Schoenfeld	Cavite
Mindoro	U. S. gunboat	170	6	—	Lieut. O. A. Woodruff	Manila
Mascarin	U. S. submarine	—	—	—	Ensign E. D. Wheeler	Cavite
Mohican	U. S. station ship	1900	—	5244	Ensign Robt. V. Lowe	Manila
Monadnock	U. S. monitor	4084	4	5300	Commander H. A. Bephan	Cavite
Monterey	U. S. cruiser	2438	25	—	Comdr. William G. Miller	Yokohama
Panama	U. S. gunboat	243	8	—	Lieut. George C. Pappas	Cavite
Panama	U. S. submarine	—	—	—	Ensign F. E. Van de Carr	Manila
Quincy	U. S. gunboat	—	—	—	Lieut. J. W. Schoenfeld	Cavite
Rainbow	U. S. cruiser	2006	14	—	Lt. Comdr. A. N. Mitchell	Cavite
Samar	U. S. gunboat	24	8	250	Ensign N. H. Goss	Yangtze River
Saratoga †	U. S. protected cruiser	5150	25	17,075	Comdr. Joseph L. Lyons	Yokohama
Shall	U. S. submarine	—	—	—	Ensign Henry M. Jensen	Manila
Vincennes	U. S. gunboat	370	8	500	Lieut. W. L. Fritchell	Yangtze River
Wilmington	U. S. gunboat	1397	20	1804	Comdr. W. A. Edgar	Hongkong

† U. S. Admiral John Robert Cochrane, ex-Chief United States Asiatic Fleet.

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Festivities.

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the film cannot be shown before Thurs-
day night.

ever terrible the word may sound, has no fears for the average Chinaman. It often means nothing more heart-breaking than a free trip to Canton, and a surreptitious return within a week at the outside.

We are aware that at Home Trades Unionism is a living force. There it is a necessary recognition of the workers' interests, and, on the whole, the Union takes a reasonable view of their rights in relation to those of their employers. But here in Hongkong we have a vitiated and exaggerated form of Trades Unionism to contend with—one which seeks only one end, and that the gratification of the desires of the workers irrespective of justice to the interests on which they subsist. At Home, too, there is nothing secret or mysterious about the working of Trades Unionism; everything is open and above-board; the meeting places of the members are known; the officials' names and positions are never hidden from view. Here the reverse is the case under all heads. In short, the Chinese Guilds in Hongkong are nothing other than Secret Societies which, by the law of the Colony, are in reality not permitted to exist. The Government blandly and weekly follows old precedents; it has not the energy, the backbone or the enterprise to strike out on new and bold lines, aiming at crushing the tyranny to which so many firms are subject. Why cannot a well-organised campaign be started to ferret out the meeting places of the Guilds and to get to know who the leading spirits really are? It could be done and, in the interests of the Colony's trade progress, it ought to be done. Then other measures could follow.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

To-day's quotation for Para rubber, per Messrs Vernon and Smyth, is 4s. 8d.

The strike amongst the Chinese ship-builders in Hongkong is practically ended. A number of men in several yards have returned to work.

A goldsmith living in Hollywood Road was entrusted with a piece of gold and four pieces of jade-stone to make into earrings but he has not been seen or heard of since.

A sentence of six months' imprisonment and four hours' stocks was imposed on a native, by Mr. F. A. Hazeland, at the Magistrate's court this morning, for returning from banishment.

Toronto bandmen summoned for playing sacred music, alleged to be in contravention of the Lord's Day Act, won the case, the magistrate holding that the law had not contemplated such a thing.

To-morrow, the 14th, being French National Fête day, the French Consul will be at home to British Officials and Officers, his foreign colleagues and all other persons who may wish to call between the hours of 12 and 2 p.m.

The Nova Scotia elections have resulted in the election of 27 Liberals and 11 Conservatives. The fishing contingencies failed to support reciprocity with the United States, as the Liberal party had expected. Three Ministers were defeated, and the Government lost six seats.

The following tonnage was sent through the Suez Canal during 1910:—Peninsular and Oriental Company, 1,214,500; Elder-man Lines, Limited, 1,028,400; Alfred Holt and Co., 999,300; German Hansa, 831,400; Messageries Maritimes, 568,500; Norddeutscher Lloyd, 537,600.

At the Imperial Conference Mr. Fisher (Australia) moved:—"That the Suez Canal dues constitute a heavy charge, tending to retard trade within the Empire and with other countries, and this Conference invite the Home Government to continue its efforts to obtain a substantial reduction in them." The motion was carried.

An exceptionally fine passage from Singapore to Hongkong has just been accomplished by the "Blue Funnel" liner Persuade. This steamer left Singapore at 9 a.m. on Monday 9th inst. and arrived here at 10.30 a.m. this morning, the voyage thus occupying only just over four days and equalling the best time made by mail steamers.

After their Majesty King George and Queen Mary had passed along the Long Walk, Windsor, on returning from Ascot, two spare horses in charge of the Royal groom, bolted, and dashed in among the ranks of spectators, who became panic-stricken. The groom was thrown, and one horse bolted into Windsor. Eight people were injured.

We have received from Messrs. S. Moutrie and Co. the very finely illustrated catalogue just issued by the Victor Talking Machine Co., for whose popular instruments the firm is famous. It is produced on set paper and contains many photographs of the world's finest singers who make records solely for the Victor, while the superior quality of the Victor machines in the capacity of providing classical and popular entertainment are emphasized in the letter-press.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The old Peak Office Building is to let.

Three further cases of plague occurred to-day. One was fatal. The year's total is now exactly 200.

The largest subway ever planned has been projected for New York city. The work will cost \$20,000,000.

The New South Wales amateur golf championship, the blue ribbon of the links in that State, has once more been won by O. H. O'Brien. This is the third time O'Brien has been successful.

The Railway Commission have decided that the Postmaster-General must pay the South-Eastern and Chatham Railway Company's managing committee £30,000 a year for carrying the mails between Dover and Calais.

The Government of Queensland has received word that King George has accepted the offer of a Queensland horse, and has requested that the animal be sent to Buckingham Palace. The Premier says that there were at least three fine animals in view, from which a worthy choice would shortly be made.

A novel sight was witnessed by the employees engaged on the dredger Zeta at Gosford, Australia, the other day. Owing to a stoppage the suction-pipe, which is a powerful one, was hauled to the surface, when it was found that a 6ft shark had been sucked across the nozzle, and was held there by suction. This had caused the stoppage of the works.

The King's Bench Division of the High Court has awarded Colonel Bromley-Davenport (Unionist), who was an unsuccessful candidate for the Leek division of Staffordshire at the general election, £1,200 damages against his opponent, Mr. Robert Pearce, M.P. (Liberal), and the printers of an election pamphlet, which contained a libel upon him.

The folk of the opium farmer, who ran away with over \$1,000 with which he was entrusted by his master to bring from Shanghai to Hongkong, and who subsequently attempted to escape by jumping into the harbour, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment and four hours' stocks at the Magistrate's court. Prisoner has only just been released from hospital as he was shot by an Indian when he jumped into the water.

The *Revue Politique et Littéraire* has started an interesting discussion on the over-working of Cabinet Ministers in France. It points out that a Minister in a French Government has hardly a moment to himself. He must devote his mornings to sittings of the Cabinet, to interviews with his subordinates, or to the reception of sundries, deputies, and journalists, whilst he is obliged almost every day to assist at the sittings of one or other of the Chambers.

The local manager of Messrs. Whiteaway, Laidlaw and Co. challenges the shipment republished from a Bangkok colonial newspaper that the reason his firm has abandoned opening a branch at Bangkok is that they "consider it hopeless to try to do business on a cash basis in Bangkok." He says the probable reason why they have been compelled to abandon the idea for the present is that Bangkok, which is not at all well equipped in the matter of business premises, does not afford a building of suitable size or location for the requirements of their business.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. Henry Humphreys returned from Shanghai yesterday by the German Mail.

Acting Lance Sergeant Perkins, usher at the Magistrate's, has been promoted to the rank of full Lance Sergeant.

Station leave has been granted to Lieut. W. A. Hagger, 128th Baluchistan Infantry, from 14th to 23rd July, 1911, inclusive.

Privilege leave, on private affairs, to the neighbouring countries, has been granted to Capt. H. O. Outler, 8th Rajputs, from 22nd August to 30th September, 1911, inclusive.

The Duke of Connaught is expected to arrive at Ottawa on October 12 to take up the duties of Governor-General, the date being three weeks earlier than originally planned.

Mrs. J. Scott Harston and Mr. C. D. Melbourne have the sympathy of many friends in Hongkong on the death of their mother, Mrs. C. S. D. Melbourne, wife of the Hon. Mr. C. S. D. Melbourne, which took place on the 10th inst. at Brighton. Deceased, who had paid visits to Hongkong, was 84 years of age.

The death took place early last month at Glasgow, of Mr. David John Dunlop, one of the best known of British shipbuilders and engineers. Mr. Dunlop, who was born in Mexico City in 1838, was educated in Glasgow, and trained as an engineer in the works of the Hyde Park Locomotive Company. Afterwards he joined the firm of Randolph, Elder, and Co., shipbuilders and engineers, and when this firm became bankrupt, he and his partner, Mr. James L. Dunlop, started the new famous Fairfield works at Govan. Mr. Dunlop was entrusted with the duty of designing the shipyard and engineering shops and superintending the construction of the new works. When Mr. John Elder died in 1888, Mr. Dunlop joined with Mr. James L. Dunlop to establish the firm of Dunlop, Elder, and Co., shipbuilders and engineers. Port Glasgow. In 1891, Mr. Dunlop retired and the firm became David J. Dunlop and Co., with Mr. Dunlop as sole partner. Mr. Dunlop, specialised in all kinds of marine, fabric, engines, light draught boats for riverwork, and high-class passenger steamers of medium size.

SHANGHAI SHOOTING
REUNION

A STRANGE CASE.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, July 13.
After a two-days' trial in the British Supreme Court, Marion Pennington, formerly mistress of a house in Hongkong, who was charged with entering a house and firing at Mr. Hugo Reiss, merchant, of the firm of Hugo Reiss and Company, was last night convicted of simple assault and sentenced to six months' hard labour.

The prosecution alleged that it was the intention of the accused to assassinate Mr. Reiss. Great interest has been aroused in the case.

ROYAL GENEROSITY.

KING GIVES £1,000 TO IRISH POOR.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, July 13.
His Majesty the King has given £1,000 to be distributed among the poor people of Dublin.

LORD ESHER ILL.

AN OPERATION.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, July 13.
Lord Esher has undergone an operation.

APPENDICITIS THE TROUBLE.

Later.
Lord Esher is suffering from appendicitis. He is a patient in the Edinburgh Nursing Home.

BISLEY.

PHENOMENAL SHOOTING.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, July 13.
A feature of the contests at Bisley has been the phenomenal shooting of Mr. Maurice Blood, who has won consecutively the Ross, the Edge and the Halford competitions.

Oxford won the Humphry Cup with a score of 722, Cambridge's score being 714.

Edinburgh Academy has won the Ashburton Shield with a score of 495. [Note.—Last year the Ross Competition was won by Dr. J. C. Bellars, Dundalk Rifle Club, and he also won the Edge competition. The Halford Memorial Competition was won by Mr. R. Caldwell, Clapton R. A. Cambridge won the Humphry Cup with a score of 777, Oxford's score being 698. The Ashburton Shield was won by Bradford, whose score was 524.—Ed. O.M.]

HOME CRICKET.

THE LATEST RESULTS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, July 13.
The following are the results of matches commenced on the 10th inst.:—Kent v. Somerset (at Taunbridge Wells)—a win for Kent by 318 runs.

Leicestershire v. Hampshire (at Leicester)—drawn.

Later.
The Gentlemen beat the Players by 130 runs at Lord's. Hobbs carried his bat through for 154.

AN IMPERIAL LOSS.

SIR ELDON GORST DEAD.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, July 12.

Sir Eldon Gorst is dead. [Note.—Sir Eldon Gorst, K. C. B., G. C. M. C., was appointed British agent and Consul General in Egypt four years ago, and falling health recently compelled him to retire. His death at the age of 50 years is a great loss to the Empire for he was possessed of sterling qualities and had had a successful career in various Imperial posts. Indeed, his services to the Empire were recognised as recently as some few weeks ago when he was included in the Coronation Honours List, being given, with Sir Frederick Lugard, the G. O. M. C. decoration. Sir Eldon Gorst was the eldest son of the Right Hon. Sir John Eldon Gorst, M. A., LL. D., F. R. S., R. C., who is still alive. Deceased was born in New Zealand at a time when his father was Civil Commissioner at Waikato. He was educated at Eton and Trinity College, Cambridge, where he secured the M. A. degree and was 20th Wrangler. His first appointment was in 1883, when he became Attaché in the Diplomatic Service. Two years later he was promoted 3rd Secretary. In 1892 he became 2nd Secretary and in 1901 was made Secretary of Legation. His first association with Egypt was when in 1890 he was made Controller of Direct Taxes to the Egyptian Government. He was Under Secretary of State for Finance in 1897. Adviser to the Ministry of the Interior in 1894, and Financial Adviser to the Egyptian Government from 1896 to 1904. In the latter year he was given the appointment of Assistant Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and this position he held until he was transferred to the post which he recently vacated. Among his decorations were the Grand Officer of the Order of the Medjidieh and the Grand Officer of the Order of the Osmanieh. Deceased was married, and had two sons, Sir Eldon Gorst, M. C., and Sir John Eldon Gorst, M. C., and three daughters, one of whom is his daughter by his marriage.—Ed. O.M.]

AMERICA'S HEAT
SPELL.

MORE DEATHS AND FOREST FIRES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, July 13.

The heat wave in America has become even more intense still.

The death-roll is becoming increasingly severe, and there have been disastrous forest fires in Northern Michigan, where three villages have been burned and a number of lodging camps endangered.

PEER'S SON SHOOT'S
NATIVE.

ACQUITTAL MENTIONED IN PARLIAMENT.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, July 13.

Mr. Harcourt, replying in the House of Commons to questions respecting the acquittal of Lord Eniskillen's son, Mr. Calbraith Cole, on a charge of shooting a native in East Africa, said the Governor was sending a full report of the case; and it was therefore premature at present to make any statement on the subject.

BRITISH NORTH
BORNEO.

A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, July 13.

Sir West Ridgeway, presiding at the annual meeting of the North Borneo Company, announced that the revenue for the year exceeded the expenditure by £142,642 and was in advance of the previous year by £11,000.

North Borneo, he said, was rich in minerals, and the only way to disclose its hidden wealth was by a scientific survey being undertaken.

MORE HONOURS.

LARGELY CONFINED TO OFFICIALS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, July 13.

His Majesty the King has conferred a number of Kinghoods and memberships of the Victorian Order. They are mostly given to officials.

THE ENGLISH TEAM
FOR AUSTRALIA.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, July 13.

Kinnear has accepted the invitation of the M. C. C. to join the English cricket team which is to visit Australia.

THE NEWSPAPER
WORLD.

MR. GWYNNE'S NEW APPOINTMENT.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, July 12.

Mr. H. A. Gwynne, who resigned the editorship of the *Standard* on June 7th, has been appointed Editor of the *London Morning Post*.

THE EMPEROR'S
TEACHERS.

(Wah Tei Yat Po's Service.)
PEKING, July 12.

Three high officials have been appointed by Imperial Edict to be the teachers of the Emperor. The first is to receive 1,000 taels, the second 800 taels and the third 600 taels monthly in addition to their official salaries.

IRISH ROYAL VISIT
ENDED.

ROYALTY LEAVE FOR WALES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, July 13.

Their Majesties the King and Queen, accompanied by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and Princess Mary, had an enthusiastic send-off at Dublin on leaving for Carnarvon to attend the Investiture of the Prince of Wales.

Great preparations are being made in the Principality, where the decorations are splendid.

KING'S TOUCHING MESSAGE.

LATER.

His Majesty the King has issued a Message in which he declares his joy at the spontaneous and hearty loyalty of the welcome accorded the Queen and himself.

"It has," he added, "greatly touched our hearts and made a permanent impression on us. We shall never forget it."

"COME BACK TO ERIN."

LATER.

Crowds singing "Come back to Erin" bade farewell to Their Majesties as they steamed out of Dublin Bay.

ARRIVAL IN WALES.

A Welsh choir boarded the Royal yacht on its arrival at Holyhead and performed a programme of Welsh airs.

Carnarvon is swarming with multitudes of people anxious to participate in the national festival of the Investiture. Thousands are without lodgings and have passed the night on the city walls singing choruses and Welsh hymns.

PRINCE OF WALES AS SCOUT.

Major General Baden Powell, speaking at Port Madoc, announced that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales will to-day be initiated as Chief of the Welsh Boy Scouts.

THE SEALING AGREEMENT.

A JAPANESE GRIEVANCE.

(Independent News Agency's Service to the China Mail.)

TOKYO, July 13.
The Japanese Sealing Association has issued a circular letter emphasizing that it is unfair that Japan, who possesses far more sealing vessels than England, should only enjoy an equal share in the distribution of skins with England.

The Government remains silent on the question.

SHARE BUSINESS IN
JAPAN.

(Independent News Agency's Service to the China Mail.)

TOKYO, June 13.
The prohibition of share business, which followed the sudden rise in quotations consequent on the municipalisation of the Tokyo street cars, was withdrawn yesterday after the stock-brokers paid an additional security to the authorities.

CANTON-HANKOW
RAILWAY.

(Wah Tei Yat Po's Service.)
PEKING, July 12.

A British firm named Bolin (?) and Company is endeavouring to secure the contract for the building of the Canton-Hankow Railway.

A HOME NECESSITY.

[THERE is a "home" necessity that every family should be provided with, especially during the summer months. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. It is almost certain to be needed. It cures but a trifle and never fails to give relief. Can you afford to be without it? For sale by all Chemists and Druggists.]

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ORIPPEN CASE ECHO.

WELL-KNOWN SOLICITOR
SUSPENDED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, July 13.
The well-known solicitor, Mr. Arthur Newton, who represented Crippen during his preliminary trial, has been suspended for twelve months for professional misconduct in aiding and abetting Mr. Horatio Bottomley to disseminate through the medium of his journal, *John Bull*, a letter which it was pretended was written by Crippen.

LORD KITCHENER.

LENGTHY VISIT TO FOREIGN
OFFICE.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, July 13.
Lord Kitchener has returned from his visit to Ireland.
Yesterday he called at the Foreign Office where he remained for a lengthy period of time.

MOROCCO.

FRANCE AND GERMANY
CONVERSING.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, July 12.
A Paris telegram states that the Franco-German conversations are proceeding amicably.
It is understood that they relate to the agreement of 1909 (respecting Morocco). The Agadir incident has not yet been broached.

MORE SPANISH TROOPS.

LONDON, July 13.
Two hundred more Spanish artillerymen and four mountain guns have been landed at Larache.

SPAIN ASKED TO EXPLAIN.

LATER.
It is reported from Paris that the French Charge d'Affaires in Madrid has been requested to ask explanations from the Spanish Government of the recent incident at Alcazar, when the Spanish and French troops came into conflict.

TUBERCULOSIS.

ROYAL COMMISSION'S REPORT.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, July 12.

The Royal Commission on Tuberculosis has presented its final report.

After ten years of research the Commission reaches the conclusion that human and bovine bacilli are practically indistinguishable, and mammals and men can be reciprocally infected by bovine bacilli which is constantly being transmitted to man chiefly through the medium of milk, which is mostly responsible for tuberculosis in children.

Tubercular beef and pork are also sources of infection.

The Commission recommends more stringent food regulations.

TO ALLAY SUFFERING.

LORD IVEAGH'S MAGNIFICENT
GIFT.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, July 12.

Lord Iveagh has presented to the King £50,000 to distribute among the hospitals of Dublin and the consumption hospital at Newcastle, Wicklow, Co.

LIBERALS AND THE
PEERS.

"ISSUE NOT IN DOUBT."

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, July 12.

The Liberal papers view with complacency the attempt of the war-like Unionists to fan the dying embers of the resistance of the Lords to the Veto Bill and point out that the issue is not in doubt.

The Liberals are rather pleased at the prospect of a creation of Peers.

THE AMERICAN RAIL-
WAY SMASH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, July 12.

Twelve were killed and 44 injured in the Bridgeport-Boston railway disaster.

SABOTAGE IN
FRANCE.

FOUR MORE ATTEMPTS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, July 12.

Paris telegrams report three more attempts to derail trains by placing timber on the rails.

Several arrests have been made.

AN OPEN SECRET.

MANY ask the reason for the continued and increasing demand for Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. The secret is that it never fails to give relief. The middle-aged man of forty remembers it as the remedy given them by their mothers for cramp, colic and dysentery when they were children and its reputation as a positive cure for such ailments is still maintained. No remedy has ever been produced its equal for the prompt relief of pain. For sale by all Chemists and Dispensaries.

THE WRECK OF THE ASIA.

Third Officer's Fault.

The following telegram from San Francisco dated June 17th is taken from the *Sydney Herald*:—

The investigation held at the office of the British Consul-General, regarding the wreck of the Pacific liner Asia (formerly the Doric), resulted in a finding that the third officer, Johnson, was responsible for the wreck in not exercising due caution in keeping the look-out.

Captain Gankroger was censured for his poor judgment in setting so fine a course in dangerous waters.

TYPHOON WARNING.

The telegram quoted below was received by the American Consulate General, Hongkong, from the Manila Observatory this morning:—

Manila, 13th, 9 a.m.—Cyclone or typhoon E. of Luzon more than 300 miles distant, moving W. N. W.

A telegram received at 4:15 this afternoon states that the disturbance is less than 300 miles east of Luzon and is moving N. W. N.

CLAIM UNDER CONTRACTS.

A claim with respect to various contracts for the sale of goods of which defendants were said to have failed to take delivery and which plaintiffs had resold, came before Mr. Justice Gompertz, at the Supreme Court this morning.

The case was *Madame Corralie*, the plaintiff, against *Madame Corralie*, the defendant.

The plaintiff's case was that she had sold to the defendant a quantity of goods, the value of which was £1,171.64 but £171.64 had been waived to bring the action into summary jurisdiction.

Mr. Reader Harris appeared for plaintiff and Mr. R. A. Harding for defendant.

Mr. Harris said the action was a claim upon several contracts for the sale of goods by plaintiffs to the defendant, the sales ranging over a long period of time, the first contract being in 1908 up to more recent times. The amount arrived at was the difference between the contract price of the goods and the prices by resale, in some cases by auction and in others privately, the latter where better prices could be obtained. In the re-sale in some cases a profit had been made and that had been duly credited to defendants. Seven per cent. interest was also claimed from the day the goods should have been taken delivery of until the day of the sale, which was some time after the contract. A writ had previously been issued but had been withdrawn on the promise of defendants to take the goods but they had not done so. A good deal of correspondence had taken place with regard to the contract but it would not be necessary to put in more than two letters, one which his firm wrote to defendants and which was returned by the Post Office with a note on the registered cover to the effect that the letter had been refused. The second was a long letter setting out what was due and threatening proceedings. Notice of the sales by auction had been given to defendant and Mr. Lamont would say that on many occasions defendants were present and actually bought some of the goods. Defendants had offered \$800 and costs.

Mr. Harding—No, no.

Mr. Harris—He came in last night and offered \$400 and a promissory note for \$400 but the money was not forthcoming.

Evidence was called.

After consultation defendant agreed to judgment being entered against him for \$550 with a stay of execution for 14 days.

CORRESPONDENCE.

KOWLOON NUISANCES.

(To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL.")
SIR,—Your Kowloon correspondents do not seem to be aware that in the interests of trade the local authorities have sanctioned hawk and, consequently, the making of noise. While this is the case your aggrieved correspondents cannot obtain any relief. The Government is evidently keen on fattening the annual revenue of the Colony.—Yours, etc.

MANILA'S NEXT CARNIVAL.

We learn from the Chairman of the Publicity Committee of the 1912 Philippine Carnival, that the next great festival will be held in Manila from February 3 to February 10, 1912. The Carnival next year will be on a far more magnificent scale than any of former years and it is hoped that there will be a larger attendance from the China Coast and from America and Australia than in past years. The completion of Manila's new million dollar hotel will permit of more comfortable accommodation of a larger number of visitors than ever before and every effort will be made by the directors of the Carnival Association to see that visitors to the city at that time thoroughly enjoy themselves. Reception committees will be appointed to meet and give information to strangers and to see that they have an opportunity to inspect all of the many show places of which Manila can justly be proud. At the same time the Carnival is taking place there will be held the First Philippine Exposition in which all of the many provinces of the islands will participate and where all of the famed products, manufactures, minerals, etc., of the island can be seen.

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REVIEWS.

Brother Copas, by "Q." (A. T. Quillan).

London, Geo. Bell and Sons.

It is a fortunate circumstance for the reader of really good novels, as distinct from the bulk of the trashy stories which nowadays flood the literary market, that "Q." still finds time between his political and educational activities to periodically turn out a book. His latest story, "Brother Copas," is altogether delightful. It has as its background a fine old institution, the Hospital of Christ the Poor, where the Blanchmont Brethren, old men who have fallen on evil days, live in comfortable simplicity. They should be happy, peaceful and contented. But they are not, and it is around the hickories and quackeries of the Brethren and their romping spouses that "Q." weaves his pretty tale. Brother Copas is a finely-drawn character, the man who, by virtue of his superior education, is looked up to by all the Brethren. From his lips come many bits of sound philosophy, and by his tolerant spirit and self-sacrificing nature he is able to make the advent of Corona, the adopted child of one of the brotherhood, the turning-point which at length leads to peace and harmony in the Hospital. There are some other splendid character studies in the book, notably that of the precocious little girl Corona, whose sayings and doings, however, are a trifle in advance of what one would expect from a maid of seven years.

The *Pink Shop*, by FERRIS HUNTS. London, Bell and Sons.

The *Pink Shop* itself is an establishment for the restoration of the fading beauty of womanhood to its pristine freshness. It is a rather mysterious sort of place and is made the more so by the fact that Madame Corralie, its mistress, always wears a Turkish veil covering all her features save her eyes. The story under notice has to do with the mysterious disappearance of Lady Branwin—the dissipated wife of a British knight—who goes to the *Pink Shop* for treatment at the hands of her sister, Madame Corralie, and who is reported next morning to have been found murdered within its precincts. The reader's attention is sharply gripped as attempts are made to trace the perpetrator of the deed, and in the end he learns that in reality it is Madame Corralie who is done to death by her sister, who cleverly takes the former's place as head of the establishment. When the truth is out, Lady Branwin seeks out Sir Joseph, who is making love to a popular actress at the seaside and flings him with herself over the cliffs into the sea below. The story is forcibly told and certainly makes exciting reading, though it is well saturated with impossible situations.

The *Case of Letitia*, by ALEXANDRA WATSON. London, Bell and Sons.

This is an engaging character study, though it reveals life on its baser side and cannot be said to make altogether pleasant reading. Letitia Grayson is a fresh young country girl, self-centred in nature and without much stability of character. She soon becomes entangled with Teddy Fairbairn, a gay young spark of the most disreputable type, who marries her to spite a simple-minded village admirer, Arch Arrington. Separation and a child follow, and then begins Letitia's sufferings, which, however, end in her giving up her child to friends and, on the death of Teddy, marrying her old love. It is a moving tale, full of incident, while the characters are sharply delineated, though we can hardly conceive Rod Arrington as a normal type of provincial young manhood.

Uncanny Tales, by F. MARION CHAFFORD. London, T. Fisher Unwin.

This popular author has given us a weird collection of seven tales, mostly told by old sea captains. They are interesting and product of the imagination and should make a strong appeal to those who revel in this type of short story. Perhaps the most uncanny of the series are "The Dead Smile" and "The Screaming Skull"—titles which speak for themselves.

The *Trop*, by DICK DONOVAN. London, Bell and Sons.

This is a most exciting yarn of a detective's investigations, and their results, into the working of the Camorra and Black Hand Societies. It is based on a number of authentic facts supplemented by the author's imagination, and in view of recent happenings in connection with the Camorra, should be read with deep interest. Of course, it does not aim at literary brilliance.

Brumblings Hall, by JAMES BYRNE. London, Bell and Sons.

Matthew Jernigan, the youthful heir to the Brumblings estate, dies suddenly one night and, in consequence of certain foolish words and actions, Capt. Cross, whose wife is next in line, is suspected of foul play. In point of fact the death is due to a mistake in dispensing by a youthful doctor's assistant, who, however, allows the case against Capt. Cross to proceed in the hope that he may eventually win the latter's wife to whom he had previously sworn his love. His motive with a motor accident, however, and with his dying gasp, utter the words which save the suspected Captain after he had been sentenced to death. There is a love theme running through the story, which, as will be readily seen, is not based on probabilities.

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